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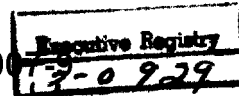
Mr. Walter B. Smith, Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington 25, D. C.

My dear Mr. Smith:

For the past three fiscal years the Bureau of the Budget has compiled statistical information on the amount of funds obligated by Federal agencies for scientific research and development carried out by colleges and universities. Because of the Foundation's statutory responsibilities and its general interest in this field, the Bureau has requested the Foundation to assume compilation of this information. To increase its usefulness, a number of changes have been made in the scope of the report and in the classifications previously used.

I am transmitting herewith a description of the information which the Foundation desires in order to permit it to continue compilation of the report. Included also are sample forms on which the information may be transmitted. The last report prepared by the Bureau of the Budget was for fiscal year 1950. Information is now requested not only for the obligations for fiscal year 1951, but, in order to bring the information up-to-date, estimates for fiscal year 1950.

Past reports have been limited to obligations for work done in colleges and universities. However, work done in other non-profit institutions which cannot be classified as colleges or universities is usually quite similar to that done in the latter. Such non-profit institutions are often closely associated with one or more educational institutions and work done in them directly affects the educational and research potential of the educational institutions themselves. It is desirable therefore to obtain information on the extent of Federally-supported research in all non-profit institutions. The scope of the report has been broadened to include these institutions. A few other modifications in the classifications used in prior years have been made; these are explained in more detail in the attachment.



It is recognized that in classifying activities as large, diverse, and interrelated as the research and development programs of the Federal Government general definitions can serve only as a guide and that many problems of interpretation and classification are likely to arise. Where such problems exist, I hope you will feel free to call on members of the Foundation's staff for assistance. Mr. Charles Gant, of the Foundation's staff, is responsible for the compilation of this report and any questions which may arise in connection with the preparation of the information may be referred to him.

Copies of the information, when compiled, will be forwarded to all agencies participating in the study for such use as they may care to make of it.

Your cooperation in this matter will enable the Foundation to assemble needed information on a significant segment of the Government's research and development effort and will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

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